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MALDOCK SCRAMBLE

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OEUFCOQUE PENTEANO.

WHAT A GREAT TOOL.

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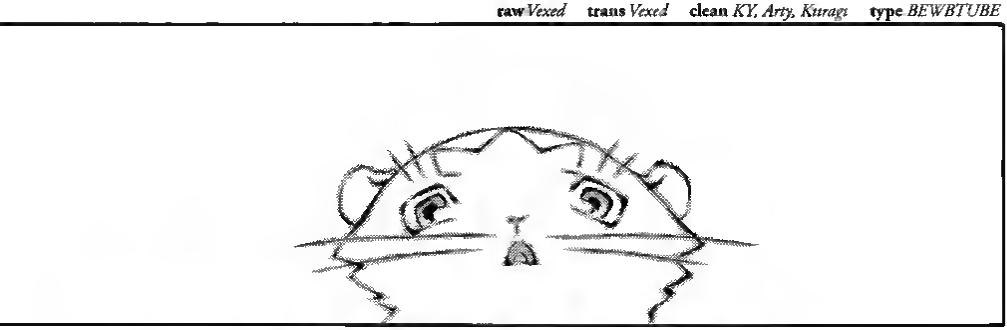
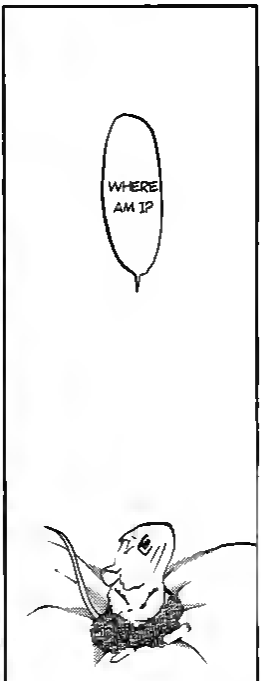
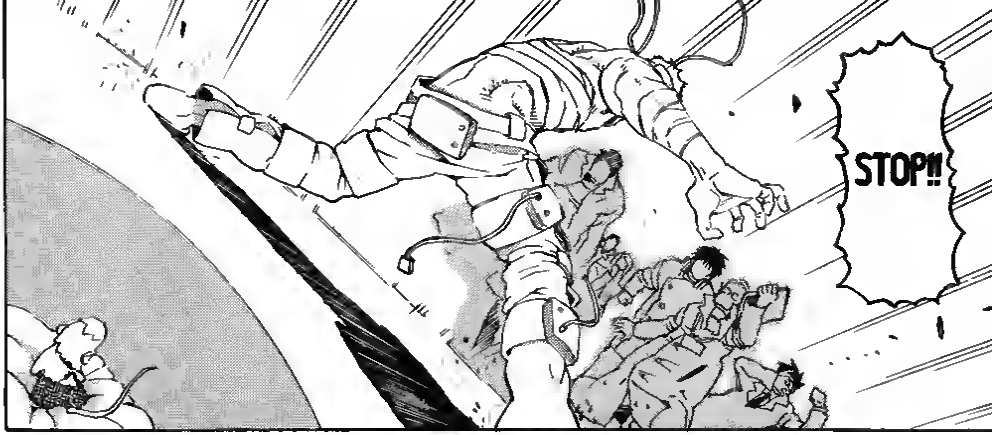


OEUF-COQUE IS OUR BEST WEAPON AGAINST HOSTILE COUNT-RIES.
SO THIS IS THE RAT THAT THE GOVERNMENT FUNDED
I BET WE COULD MAKE HIM EVEN BETTER.

NO, NO, I'LL MAKE YOU INTO AN EVEN BETTER TOOL THAN THEY COULD.
NO, PLEASE COME AND LET MY LAB RESEARCH YOU INSTEAD.
HOW ABOUT IT, OEUFCOQUE? WANT TO COME WITH ME?




STOP!!

O-OK
BOILED...

COME WITH ME.

I WON'T HAND OEUF-COQUE OVER TO A BUNCH OF CREEPS LIKE YOU.
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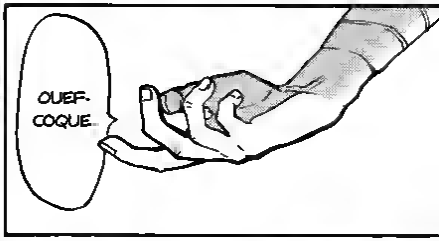
OUEF-COQUE.

YOU'LL BE...
MY TOOL FOREVER...
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MINE!
GET HIM!
HE'S RUNNING AWAY!
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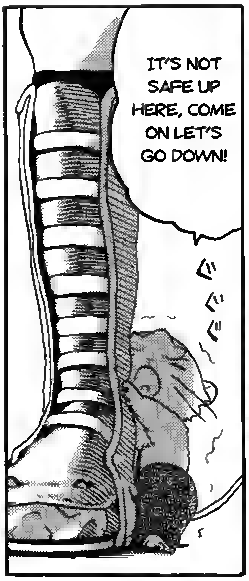
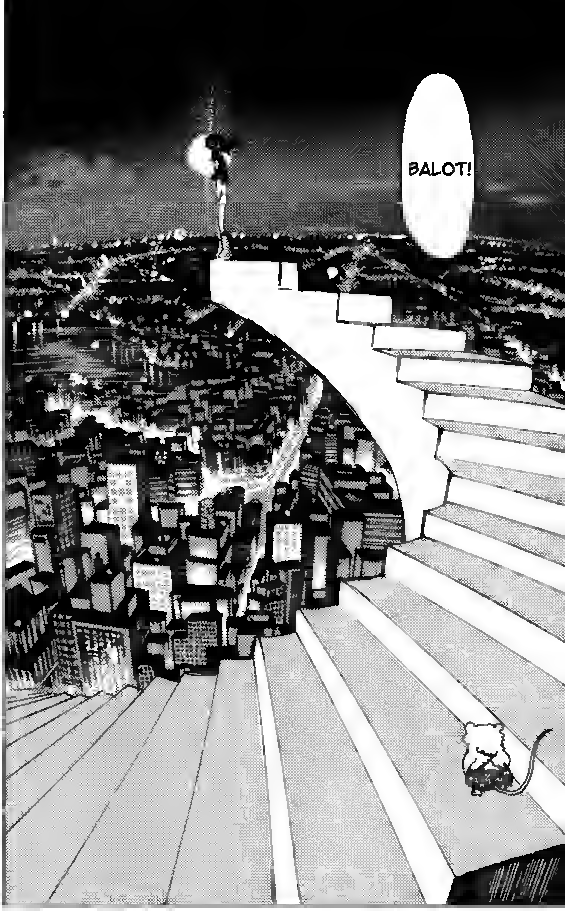
HE'S MY TOOL!!
MINE!
HE'S MINE!
NO, HE'S MINE!


IT'S NOT SAFE UP HERE, COME ON LET'S GO DOWN!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING UP HERE?
ARE YOU GOING TO JUMP?


BALOT!

OEUFCOQUE...

YOU ARE...
MY TOOL.

MINE!!
MINE!!
MINE!!
JUST WHAT...
AM I?
MORNING, OEUFCOQUE.
Pant
Pant

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT'S MY MUMMY COSTUME.
HOW DO I LOOK?
YOU LOOK HORRIBLE.
HAVE A BAD DREAM OR SOMETHING?
.....
YEAH. THE WORST POSSIBLE DREAM.
GIVE ME SOME WATER, PLEASE.
SHE'S READING BOOKS AND WATCHING VIDEOS ON HOW TO PROPERLY USE GUNS.
!
SHE ASKED TO SEE THEM.
WHERE'S BALOT?
LOOKS LIKE THAT FIGHT WITH BOILED REALLY MOTIVATED HER.
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I'M NOT COMPLAINING ABOUT IT.

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SO... WHY DID I HAVE THAT DREAM?
THAT'S RIGHT, BALOT RISKED HER LIFE TO SAVE ME...
IS THERE A PART OF HER I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND? OR IS IT...
"I UNDERSTAND OBLIFCOQUE, I'LL DO WHAT YOU SAY FROM NOW ON."

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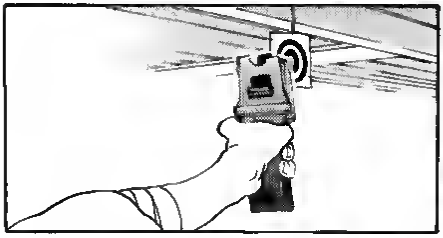
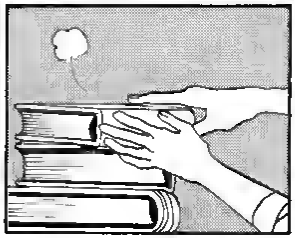
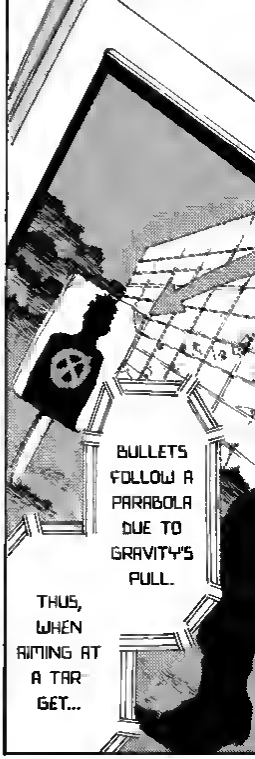
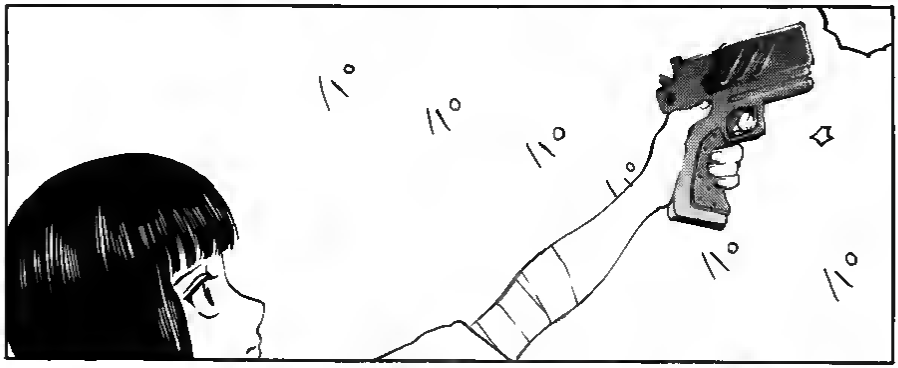
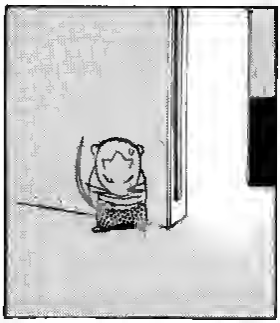
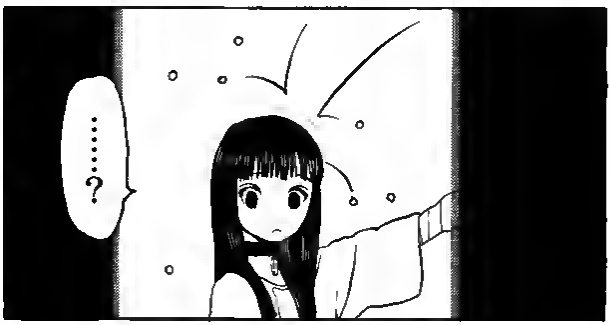





BULLETS FOLLOW A PARABOLA DUE TO GRAVITY'S PULL.
THUS, WHEN AIMING AT A TARGET...



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NO... SHE'S JUST LIKE ANY OTHER GIRL...
WHAT AM I GETTING ALL WORKED UP FOR?
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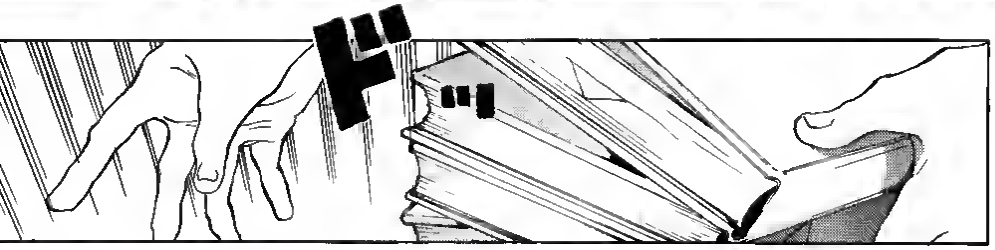
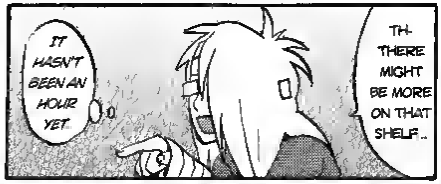
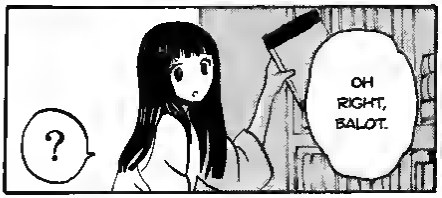



IT HASN'T BEEN AN HOUR YET.
TH-THERE MIGHT BE MORE ON THAT SHELF..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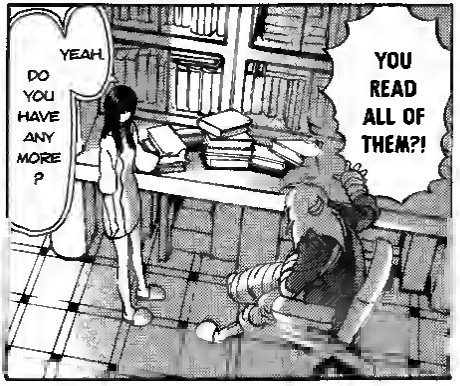
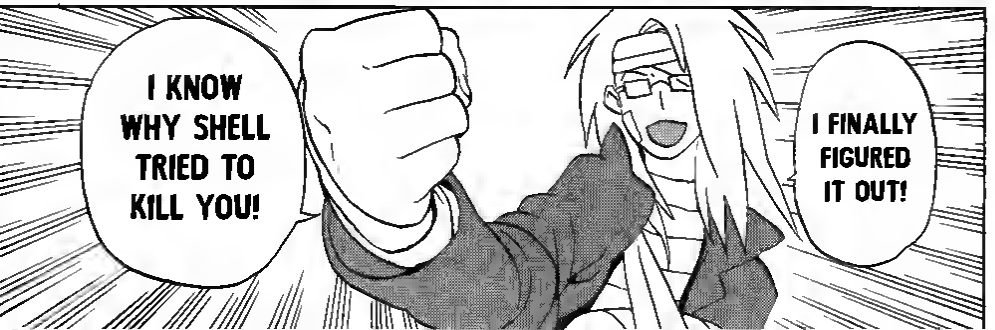
OH RIGHT, BALOT.


YEAH. DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE?
YOU READ ALL OF THEM?!


I KNOW WHY SHELL TRIED TO KILL YOU!
I FINALLY FIGURED IT OUT!

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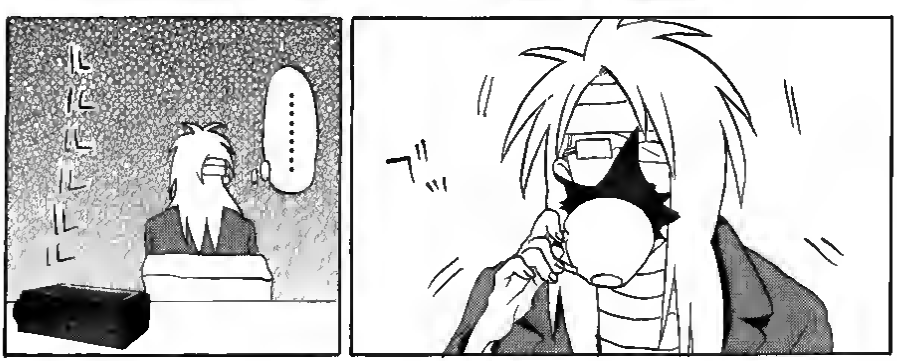
LAU..?
Dictionary
HE WAS USING YOU FOR MONEY LAUNDER- ING!
SHELL WAS USING YOU AS A PART OF HIS CRIMES,
SIMPLY PUT.
THEN, AFTER BEING GIVEN THAT HUGE DEBT YOU WERE PRONOUNCED DEAD,
AND THE MONEY LAUNDERING WAS COMP- LETE.
BASICALLY, IT'S A WAY OF DISGUISING ILLEGAL SOURCES OF MONEY SO THAT IT LOOKS LIKE THEY CAME FROM A LEGAL SOURCE.
THE ID SHELL GAVE YOU WAS FORGED.
YOUR IDENTITY WAS A BANK EMPLOYEE WHO ILLEGALLY USED THE BANK'S SYS- TEM TO MAKE OVER 170,000 FAKE PURCHASES FROM A COMP- ANY THAT SHELL OWNS... THAT'S WHAT IT SAID, ANYWAY.
I JUST SENT ALL THE INFO WE GATHERED SO FAR ALONG WITH THE IMAGES OEUFCOQUE RECORDED TO THE LEGAL AFFAIRS BUREAU.
I'M SURE IT'LL BE ALL THE EVIDENCE WE NEED!!
Huh...
You don't care?
.....
I SEE ...

AH...
NO, I DO.
NO NO, IT'S OK!
INVESTIGATING SHELL IS OUR JOB, AFTER ALL.
DOC-TOR.
I WANT YOU TO TELL ME WHENEVER THERE'S ANY-THING I CAN DO TO HELP.
I'VE BEEN LAZING AROUND, BUT...
I GET THE FEELING I HAVE TO DO MORE WITH MY LIFE.
BALOT... YOU'VE BEEN ACTING STRANGE LATELY.
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
I FOUND SOMEONE THAT I WANT TO HELP.
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DESCRIBE THIS...
BUT, I WANT THAT PERSON TO NEED ME.

I WANT THAT PERSON TO LOVE ME.
THAT'S WHAT I THINK THIS FEELING IS.

OUEF-COQUE.
WHO IS THIS PERSON?

OH, IS THAT SO...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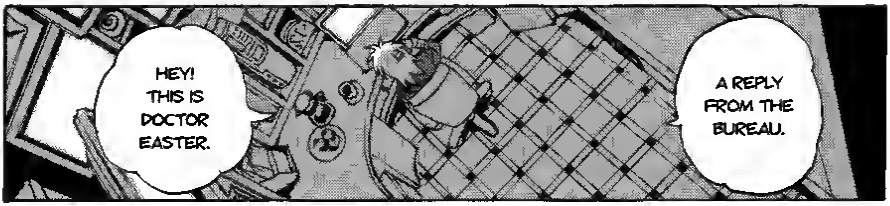
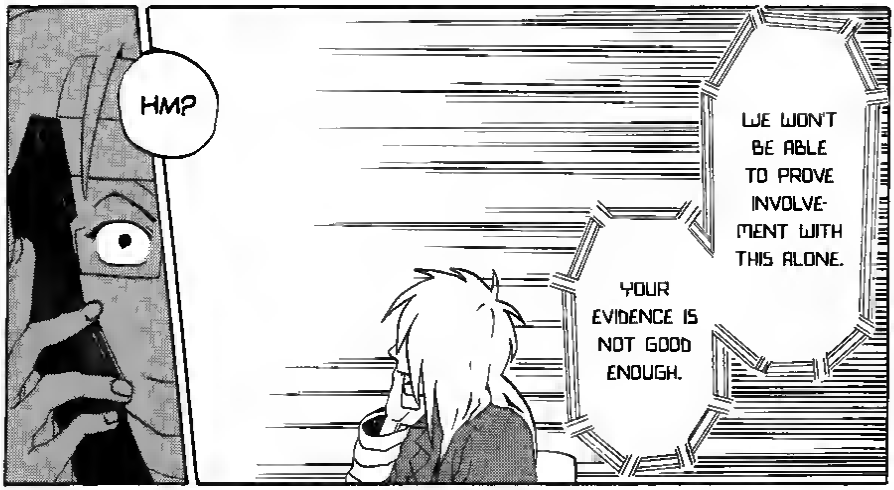
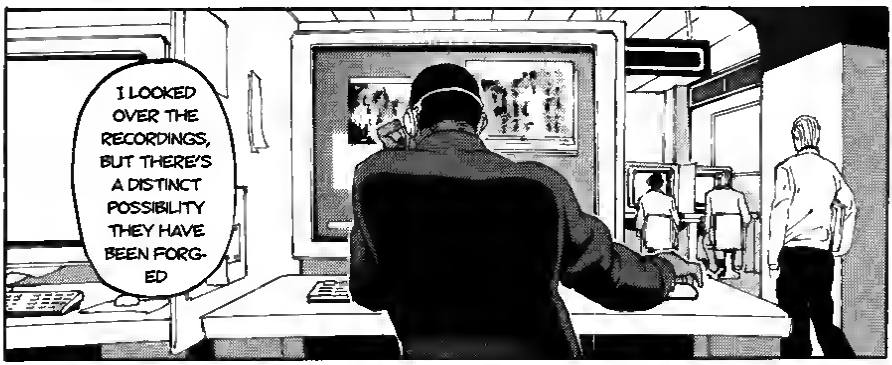
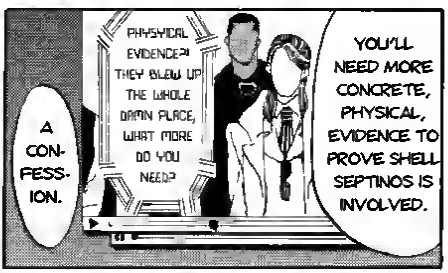
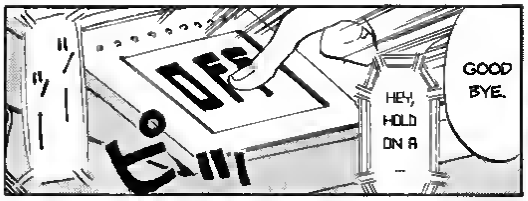

HEY! THIS IS DOCTOR EASTER.
A REPLY FROM THE BUREAU.


HM?
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO PROVE INVOLVEMENT WITH THIS ALONE.
YOUR EVIDENCE IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

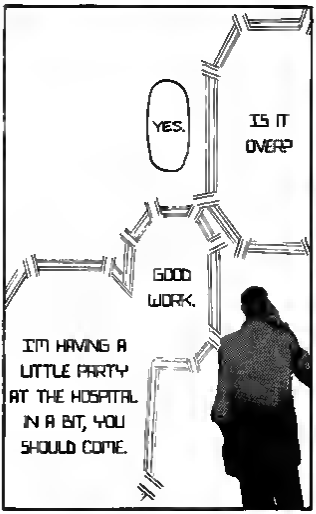

I LOOKED OVER THE RECORDINGS, BUT THERE'S A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY THEY HAVE BEEN FORGED

WITHOUT STRONGER EVIDENCE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO CHARGE HIM.
EVEN SO,
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HE ERASES HIS MEMORIES!!


A CONFESSION.
PHYSICAL EVIDENCE?! THEY BLEW UP THE WHOLE DAMN PLACE, WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED?
YOU'LL NEED MORE CONCRETE, PHYSICAL, EVIDENCE TO PROVE SHELL SEPTINOS IS INVOLVED.


OFF
HEY, HOLD ON A —
GOOD BYE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING TO YOU AGAIN, DR. EAST-ER.
KEEP UP THE GOOD FIGHT.

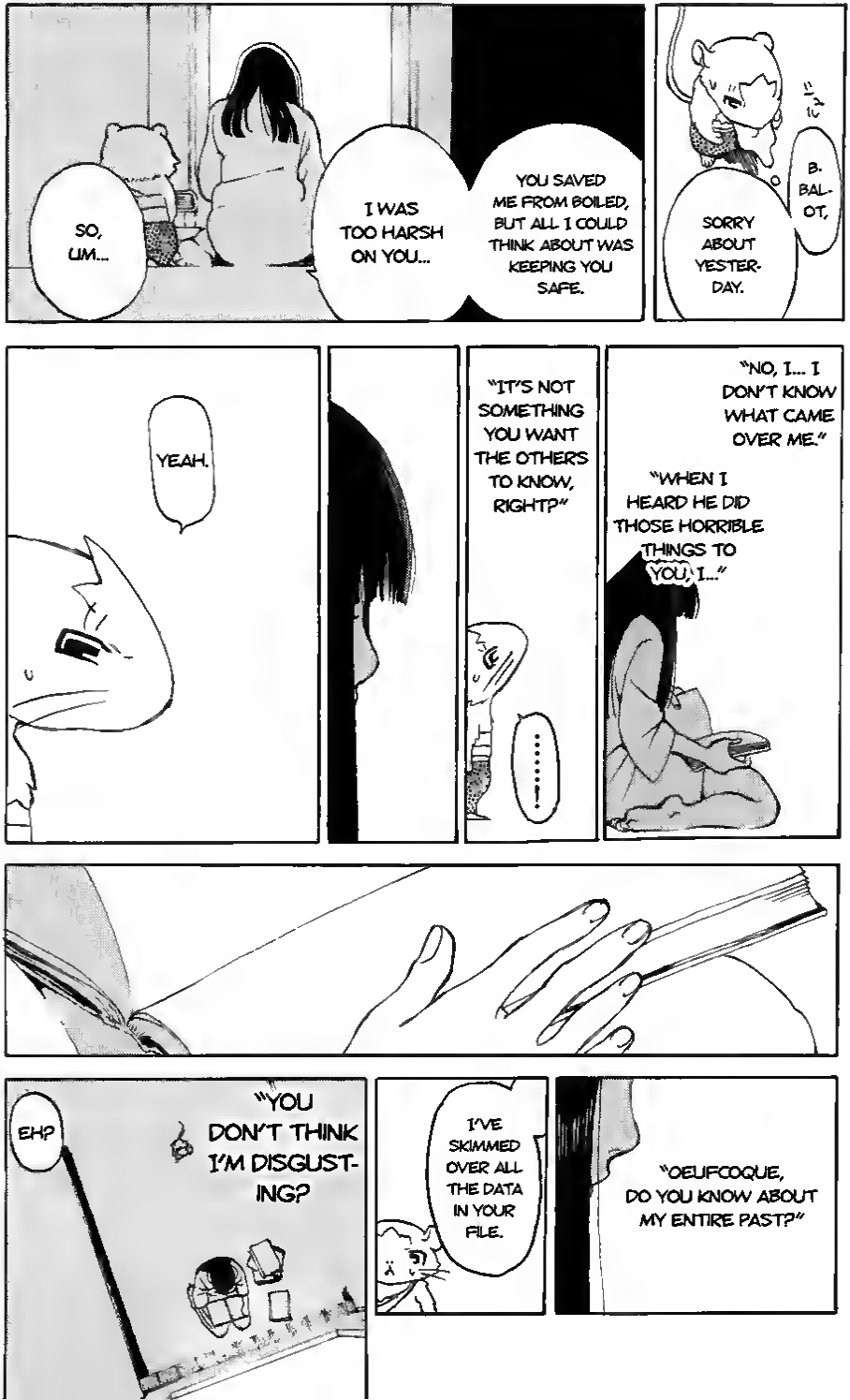

YES.
IS IT OVER?
GOOD WORK.
I'M HAVING A LITTLE PARTY AT THE HOSPITAL IN A BIT, YOU SHOULD COME.

THOSE ARE SOME DAMN GOOD PHOTOS
tOtO

THANKS FOR THE INVITATION, MR. SHELL.

IF ONLY HE STORED THEM ALL SOMEWHERE...!!
SHELL'S MEMORIES HUH...?

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING?"
BALOT
SO I NEED TO FIND A WAY TO MAKE IT STRONG-ER.
I LET BOILED BLOW A HOLE IN YOUR SUIT WITH JUST ONE SHOT.
TRAINING,
I ALSO NEED TO "TURN" FASTER.
O-OK.
"I'LL STUDY HERE WITH YOU, THEN."


SO, UM...
I WAS TOO HARSH ON YOU...
YOU SAVED ME FROM BOILED, BUT ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT WAS KEEPING YOU SAFE.
B-BALOT,
SORRY ABOUT YESTERDAY.
YEAH.
"IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU WANT THE OTHERS TO KNOW, RIGHT?"
.....!
"NO, I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAME OVER ME."
"WHEN I HEARD HE DID THOSE HORRIBLE THINGS TO YOU, I..."
EH?
"YOU DON'T THINK I'M DISGUSTING?
I'VE SKIMMED OVER ALL THE DATA IN YOUR FILE.
"OEUFCOQUE, DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY ENTIRE PAST?"

"I'M A GIRL WITH A PAST LIKE THAT.
YOU DON'T THINK I'M DISGUST-ING?
OR AN IDIOT OR SOME-THING?"

I DON'T.
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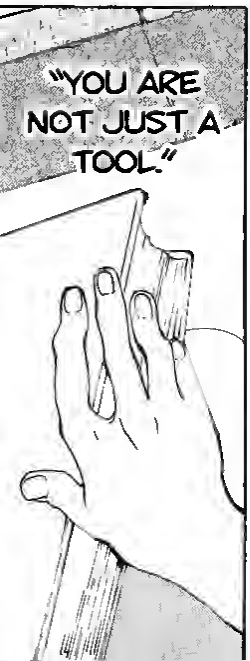
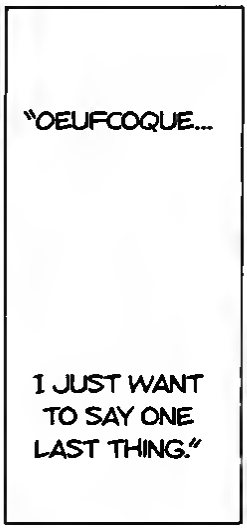
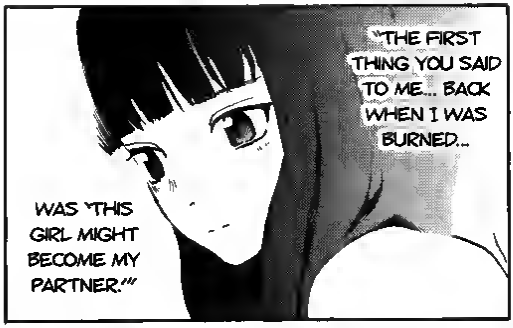
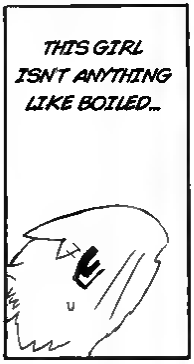

"YOU ARE NOT JUST A TOOL."

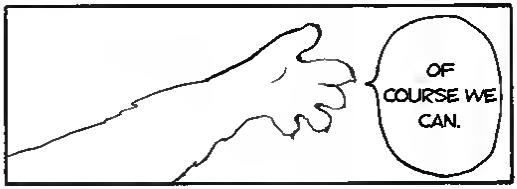

"OEUFCOQUE...
I JUST WANT TO SAY ONE LAST THING."

I WOULD NEVER THINK THAT, NOT EVEN FOR A SECOND.
IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE I'M A RAT, BUT...


"THE FIRST THING YOU SAID TO ME... BACK WHEN I WAS BURNED...
WAS "THIS GIRL MIGHT BECOME MY PARTNER."

I'M SURE OF IT...


THIS GIRL ISN'T ANYTHING LIKE BOILED...


OF COURSE WE CAN.

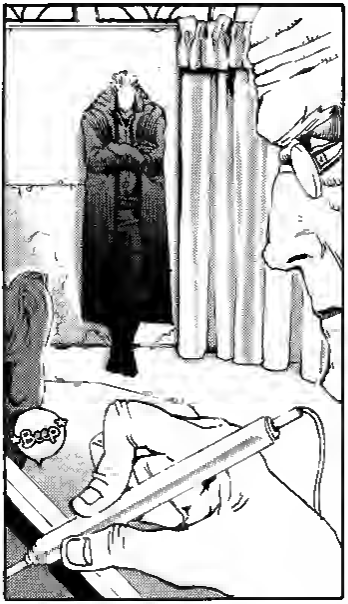
"CAN WE BE
...PARTNERS, INSTEAD?"

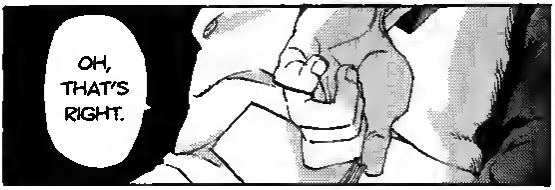
PARTNER.

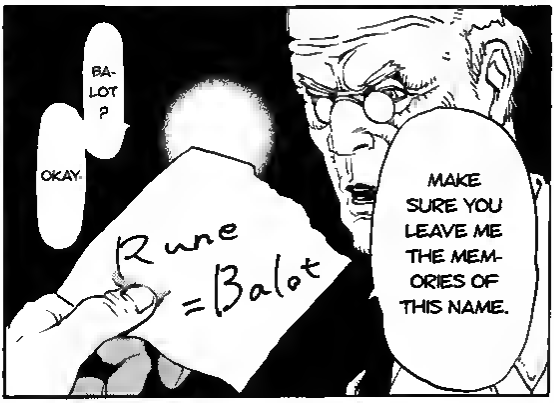
"TAKE ME TO THAT FESTIVAL AGAIN NEXT YEAR, OKAY?"
TL Note: My Heart!
FAM-ILY?
OHH..
"I THINK WE CAN BE LIKE THAT FAMILY."
THAT FAMILY'S EXISTENCE IS PROOF THAT YOU CAN FIND HAPPINESS IN THIS CITY.
I'M SURE WE CAN BECOME JUST LIKE THEM.
...YEAH.

MARDOCK CENTRAL HOSPITAL.
CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE EGG NOG BLUE CASINO!
MR. SHELL!
AHH, SO MOVING!
I WAS SO WORRIED I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO REPAY YOU FOR SAVING ME FROM THE SLUMS!
I, TOO, AM GLAD I'VE HAD THE CHANCE TO WORK FOR YOU.
ONLY THANKS TO YOUR HARD WORK
YOU'VE ALL DONE WELL TO HELP ME GET THIS FAR
WE'VE GOT THIS ROOM TO OURSELVES TODAY.
WHAT SAY YOU ALL TO A BIG PARTY?
TO CELEBRATE A CLEAN START TOGETHER...

BY THE WAY, DOES YOUR MIND FEEL CLEAN NOW, TOO?
YES... ALL THE CLUTTER HAS BEEN CLEARED AWAY.


Beep


OH, THAT'S RIGHT.


BA-LOT ?
OKAY.
Rune =Balot
MAKE SURE YOU LEAVE ME THE MEM-ORIES OF THIS NAME.

OPEN IT.
Knock
Knock

IT'S OKAY, WE'RE ALLOWED IN HERE.
WE ARE ALL SHELL'S FRIENDS
WANT TO EAT WITH US?
WE'RE CELEBRATING.

SORRY. I FORGOT SOMETHING
W-WHO ARE ALL OF YOU?

AH...
SORRY.
MY SON, CALE,
IS BRINGING ME LUNCH AT NOON...
SO I CAN'T

YOU CAN'T CONTINUE ACTING LIKE THAT IF YOU WANT TO WORK FOR MR SHELL.
I KNOW!! TODAY'S THE LAST DAY. SO LET ME HAVE MY FUN!!
BUT,
THAT'S PERFECT HE CAN JOIN US TOO.
COME ON, WHY NOT? HAVE A SEAT
COME PLAY WITH ME!
OH MAN, WE'VE GOT US A SEXY NURSE HERE!!
HM?
THEY ARE EARLY.
I BELIEVE THEY'RE HERE NOW, SHELL
EH?
WHO?
Chicks?
I HAVE INVITED SOME OTHER GUESTS, AS WELL.
LISTEN UP!
NO, ENTERTAIN-MENT TO LIVEN THIS PARTY UP!

HAHA... THEY'RE AN ODD BUNCH, I'LL GIVE 'EM THAT!
WHAT'RE YOU GUYS GONNA DO FOR US?
I'LL GO FIRST...
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OH COME ON, THAT IS A WEED
I OFFER YOU THIS FLOWER.
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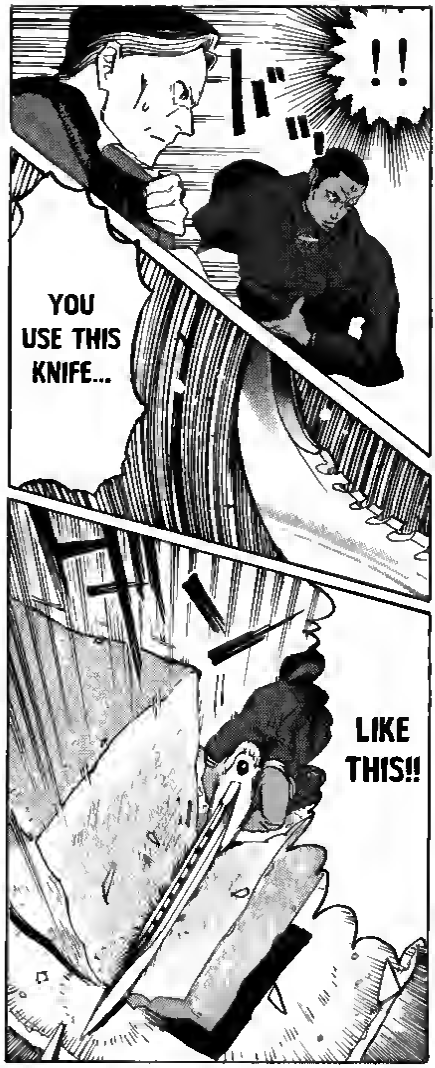
IT BLOOMS
NO.
WHEN I USE THIS SPECIAL WATER..
AND THERE YOU ARE.
WOW!!
NOT BAD!!
DO SOME MORE!!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YOU USE THIS KNIFE...
LIKE THIS!!

I GO NEXT.
OKAY THEN, HOW ABOUT

IT'S AN ELECTRO-MAGNETIC KNIFE.
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YOU CAN MAKE TOAST WITH IT.
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WHAT CAN THE REST OF YOU GUYS DO?!
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THIS IS THE BEST STEAK I'VE EVER HAD!!
YOU GUYS ARE JUST TOO MUCH!
YOU CAN EVEN COOK STEAK.
HERE.
.....
!!!
I'LL SHOW YOU FIRST, SINCE YOU LOOK COOL.
ME?
OH, I CAN'T WAIT!
A GIRL ?!
I'LL GO NEXT~
A BRACELET? WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT?
カシャン
すっ
HERE.

I ALREADY SHOWED YOU.
ドチャ

OOPSIE <3
OOPSIE <3
AHN! I CUT UP HIM TOO MUCH!!
WAAAAAAA!!
HEY.
I DON'T CARE IF YOU MAKE A MESS, BUT YOU BETTER CLEAN IT UP LATER.
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
M...
MR. SHELL !!
I TOLD YOU.
I'M MAKING A CLEAN START, WITH EVERY-THING.
IF I GET RID OF MY MEMOR-IES,
I GOT TO GET RID OF ALL THE OLD STUFF, RIGHT?

I'LL KILL YOU ...!!
MR. SHELL !!
BUT YOU CAN'T
YOU DON'T HAVE AN ARM.
ROCKET PUN~CH!!
HERE IT IS, AREN'T I SNEAKY~?
AH.
AH.

STRIP HER BEFORE YOU FINISH THE JOB.
YOU NEED TO KILL WOMEN WITH CARE.
HEY, MEDIUM!
.....!!!!
AHH H!!
I KNOW. BUT, GIVE ME A SEC.
I WANNA GIVE THIS A TASTE.
OH?
FINE, THEN I'LL STRIP HER MYSELF.
!!

OW, MAN.
I WISH I HAD SOME.
AH, THAT ARMOR LOOKS GOOD.
DAMN!! BULLET PROOF ARMOR?!
IF GUNS WON'T WORK, THEN...!!
UR AH H!!
Squish

AIM FOR THE FACE!!
GYA
AAA!!
STOP THAT, OKAY?
THE FACE? GOT IT!!
……!!

NICE JOB, CUTTING 'EM UP.
TEHE.
WELDEN, LET ME HAVE THE TOP WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH THE BOTTOM.
SURE.
NOW THEN.
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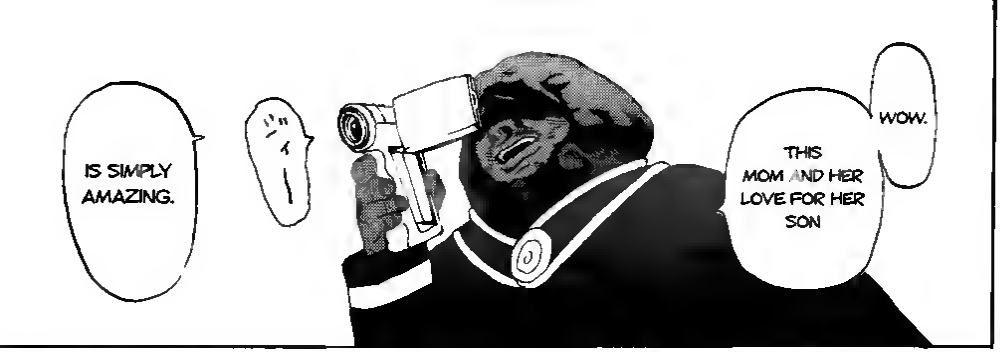
WA...
WHAT ARE...
YE...
YES, SIR.
ヒィィィィィィ
WOW, THAT'S SOME SMELL!
MAKE SURE YOU ERASE ALL OF THAT.

AH, SORRY THE BLOOD SPLATTERED.
DON'T WORRY, IT IS ALMOST YOUR TURN.
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!
IS THIS A DREAM?
I'M... ABOUT TO...
I'M... GOING TO DIE TOO...
IT'S OVER...
OH NO!! CALE IS GOING TO BE HERE IN 15 MINUTES!

EH...?
EH...?
I COULD TELL THAT YOU WERE REACHING FOR YOUR POCKET.
SORRY ABOUT ALL OF THIS... DIDN'T MEAN TO INVOLVE YOU.
IT'S JUST THESE GUYS GOT HERE SOONER THAN I THOUGHT THEY WOULD.
WANT TO USE THE PHONE?
I HAVE TO CALL HIM...!!
BEFORE HE RUNS INTO THESE PEOPLE...
GO AHEAD AND CALL HIM.
YOUR SON IS COMING, RIGHT...? IN 15 MINUTES?
A CHILD SHOULDN'T HAVE TO SEE ALL OF THIS.
YOU BETTER CALL HIM RIGHT NOW, THEN.
OH, HE IS ?!
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
T...

I WANT ONE TOO!
I WANT ONE!!
MY BIRTH-DAY IS TOMOR-ROW!!
YES.
AND GIVE ME THIS BACK, KATE.
IT'S MINE.
ONII-CHAN, DON'T YOU HAVE TO GO SOON?
YEAH, TOMOR-ROW.
BUT, I STILL WON'T GIVE YOU THIS.
IT'S A GIFT I GOT FROM THAT LADY AT THE SHOOTING RANGE.
OH, MY PHONE.
JERK!!
YOU MEANIE HEAD!
FINE! I'M GOING OUTSIDE!

HELLO?
MOM?
I'M ABOUT TO BRING YOUR LUNCH TO YOU.
EHH?! I DON'T HAVE TO BRING IT ANYMORE ?!
EATING OUT?
I WANNA COME TOO!
BOO! FINE!
I'LL STAY ...
カチャン
CLEANING IN PROGRESS


WOW.
THIS MOM AND HER LOVE FOR HER SON
IS SIMPLY AMAZING.

SHE DIDN'T EVEN SCREAM ONCE WHEN SHE WAS ON THE PHONE WITH HIM.
I'M SO MOVED I COULD CRY.
SHE AIN'T HALF BAD.

HURRY UP AND
NOW DO IT!
KILL ME!!
THIS IS GOOD ENOUGH AS LONG AS HE IS SAFE...
AHHH?
AH....
IS SOME-ONE COM-ING?
WHAT IS IT?
YEAH!
OH WELL, TOO LATE NOW.
WHAT A PAIN, WE EVEN PUT THE SIGN UP.
THEY'RE ALREADY HERE.
NO.

TICK
!?
STOP
STOP
STOP
STOP
STOP

I AM TRULY SORRY
FOR INVOL-VING YOU IN THIS.

MOM?
M...
MOM.
WHAT?
WHAT IS... THIS?
WHY DID YOU COME...?
NOW, THEN.
HU HU
YOUR VOICE...
WAS SHAKY...
S...
ST...
STOP IT!!
DON'T TOUCH MY MOM!!

WHAT? YOU SAYING YOU'LL TAKE HER PLACE?
.....
Nod
TOO BAD.
YOU BOTH GET TO DIE.
CALE,
THANK YOU.

I'M HAPPY WITH WHAT I GOT
NICE AND SOFT.
THEY WERE SMALL, BUT
NOTHING I LIKED.
KID'S HAIR IS THE BEST.
I GOT SO MANY GOOD EYES, THEY'RE LIKE GEMS.
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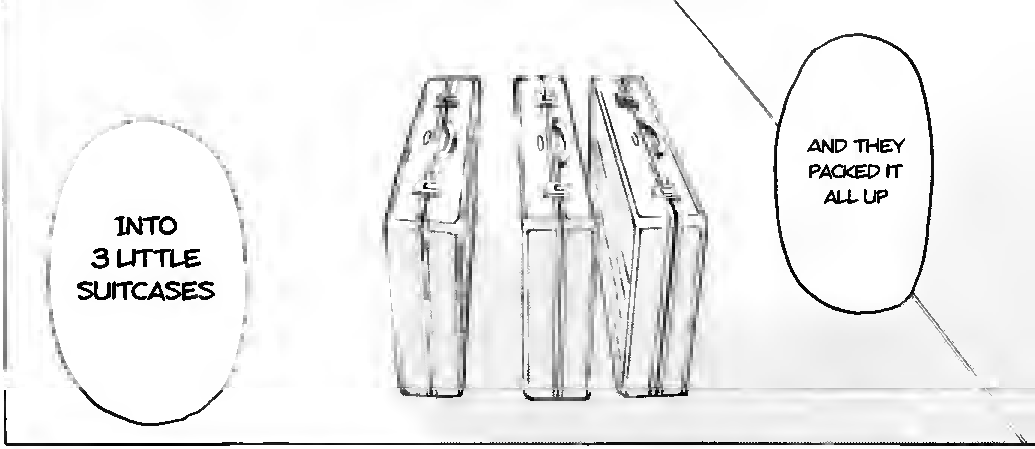
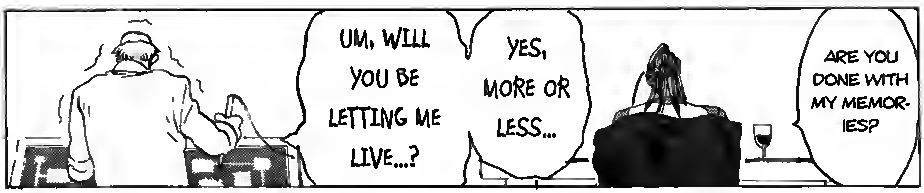
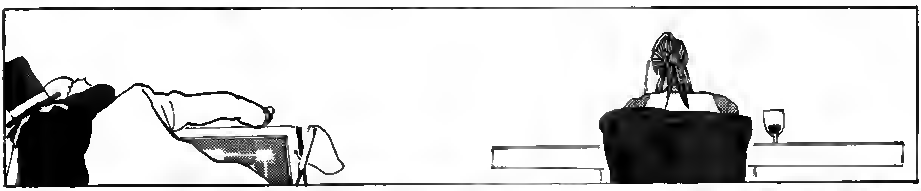
THEY DIDN'T EVEN LEAVE A DROP OF BLOOD
YOU FOUND SOME GOOD MEN, BOILED


INTO 3 LITTLE SUITCASES
AND THEY PACKED IT ALL UP


UM, WILL YOU BE LETTING ME LIVE...?
YES, MORE OR LESS...
ARE YOU DONE WITH MY MEMORIES?



THIS GIRL.

I'M BORED.
THAT WAS TOO EASY.
SO, WHO IS OUR NEXT TARGET?